



Mr. Eric Leach

November 22, 1961 - November 21, 2018

Eric “Topcat” Leach, a loving and devoted husband, father and resident of Steelton, PA, lost his life unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at the age of fifty-six.

Eric was born Wednesday, November 22, 1961, in Harrisburg, PA, son of Frances Wright Leach and the late Allen Leach Jr. Eric graduated from Bethel High School, Hampton, VA, and, thereafter, served honorably in the United States Army and the PA National Guard. Eric was a proud veteran, and was most recently employed at the Defense Logistics Agency in New Cumberland, PA, from 2011 to 2018.

In 1983, Eric met the love of his life Melvena, and they united in marriage on November 22, 1985. Eric and Melvena’s love story is one that can only be imagined, pure and unique. During their thirty-five years together, they had thirteen children.

Eric enjoyed watching all sports and was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan. He often spent time at the casino, loved to dance, was known by the neighborhood kids as “Ice cream” for his famous hook-shot, and being a numbers guy, Eric never forgot a birthday. However, foremost and most importantly, he deeply loved and cared for his wife, children and grandchildren, and worked tirelessly to provide for them. His most special times were spent with his family. If you met Eric frowning, you left Eric laughing because he could always tell a good joke.

Eric is survived and deeply missed by his wife of thirty-five years, Melvena

Leach of Steelton, PA; his children, Erica (Tracey) Millberry-Strickland of Harrisburg, PA, Endia (Jaren) Noon of Lancaster, PA, Elisa Leach of Harrisburg, PA, Eric Leach of Middletown, PA, Esenc and E`Andre Leach, both of Harrisburg, PA, Ember, Eshly, Eliza, Elana, Ericsson, Eyverson and Enlys Leach, all of Steelton, PA; his mother, Frances Leach, brother, Allen (Kimberly) Leach II, all of Hampton, VA; sister, Marcella Ray of Charlotte, NC; eighteen grandchildren; and a host of extended family and friends. Eric was preceded in death by his father, Allen Leach Jr., and one brother, Marques Leach.

This husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend will always be loved and never forgotten. Just as he worked tirelessly for them, his wife and children vow to do the same to honor his legacy.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

NOV 30. 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
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Visitation

NOV 30. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

EL

“ *Not a day go by where I'm not thinking about you dad. Miss and love you forever*

eric leach - February 14 at 05:50 PM

CS

“ *Sending my condolences and prayers to the leach family nothing but good memories of a great guy glad I had the pleasure of working with him @ DLA....R.I.P ERIC*



Christine Chase Sistrunk - November 30, 2018 at 09:52 PM

AF

“ *My Condolences and Prayers for Melva and the children... May GOD keep you all wrapped tight in his Loving arms and give some peace..*



Annette Figueroa - November 30, 2018 at 05:43 AM

AM

“ *Althea Manning lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Leach*



Althea Manning - November 29, 2018 at 12:38 PM

AM

“ To the family of Eric Leach (Topcat), I extend my sincere heartfelt condolences. Whenever I saw him, he ALWAYS made me laugh. He will truly be missed

Althea Manning - November 29, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ My cousin and dear friend: Growing up in the "house on the back road" as we all called it, you were always the baby of the neighborhood, the one your mother told your brother and sister to keep an eye on when she was away. Well, what she probably didn't realize was that that meant that all the kids in the neighborhood kept an eye out for you, we all loved you and cared for you like a little brother because you were so inquisitive and wanted to do all the things that the big kids did, sometimes even better than us. You admired and wanted to be just like your grandfather and you always wanted to have more kids than your uncle :) and I know that they have both looked down and are very proud of you. I am so sorry that we didn't spend more time together, as we got busy over the years, but oh, the laughs you and I had over the years, when we did get together. You will be sorely missed by your family and friends and will leave a hole in the hearts of many. God speed you on your way home to eternal rest and glory and may the family take solace in the knowledge that you are in the arms of Jesus, now.

Denise Phillips - November 29, 2018 at 04:05 AM

AR

“ Elisa & Family,
My deepest sympathy to you. God Bless you.



Annette Roy - November 29, 2018 at 03:01 AM

EL

Thank you ❤️

Elisa - November 29, 2018 at 10:46 AM

EL

“Dad I love you so much! You will forever be In my heart, ❤️ You were such an amazing Father, You did everything to make sure all of us were taking care of as well as loved too. You and My Mom made taking care of 13 children look so easy! Lord knows we need you now! But Heaven couldn't wait for you, this is not a goodbye, because I know you still are watching over us! You will always be my protector, and no one will ever take your place! I will always love you forever and ever ❤️ Love Elisa

Elisa - November 28, 2018 at 06:20 PM

CW

“Eric you kept us laughing I will never forget our good times and great laughs. You were truly one of a kind. I love you cousin RestInParadise .

Carina Wright-Dixon - November 28, 2018 at 03:14 PM

LR

“Lucille Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Leach



Lucille Ray - November 28, 2018 at 03:03 PM

IH

“ You will be missed, Cuz. Praying for you, family.



Ingrid Hughes - November 28, 2018 at 02:24 PM

RW

Cuzzo I will Definitely miss you , Awsome times we shared .Beautiful memories Love you Cuzzo

robert wright - November 28, 2018 at 03:07 PM

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robert wright - November 28, 2018 at 03:09 PM

AB

R.I.P

Andre Biggers - November 29, 2018 at 06:22 AM

RD

“ I Will truly miss my dear friend💕💕 He had a good heart and always talked about how much he loved he wife and children 😊God Bless You Eric I am glad we were buddies!

Renee Drayton - November 28, 2018 at 12:31 PM

MS

To the Leach/Millberry family. My prayers for you and your family. I believe I met him twice, seen him around often but ALWAYS heard nothing but great things about him ALWAYS. Treasure the memories. Maria Savage-Crawford

Maria Savage-Crawford - November 29, 2018 at 05:23 AM